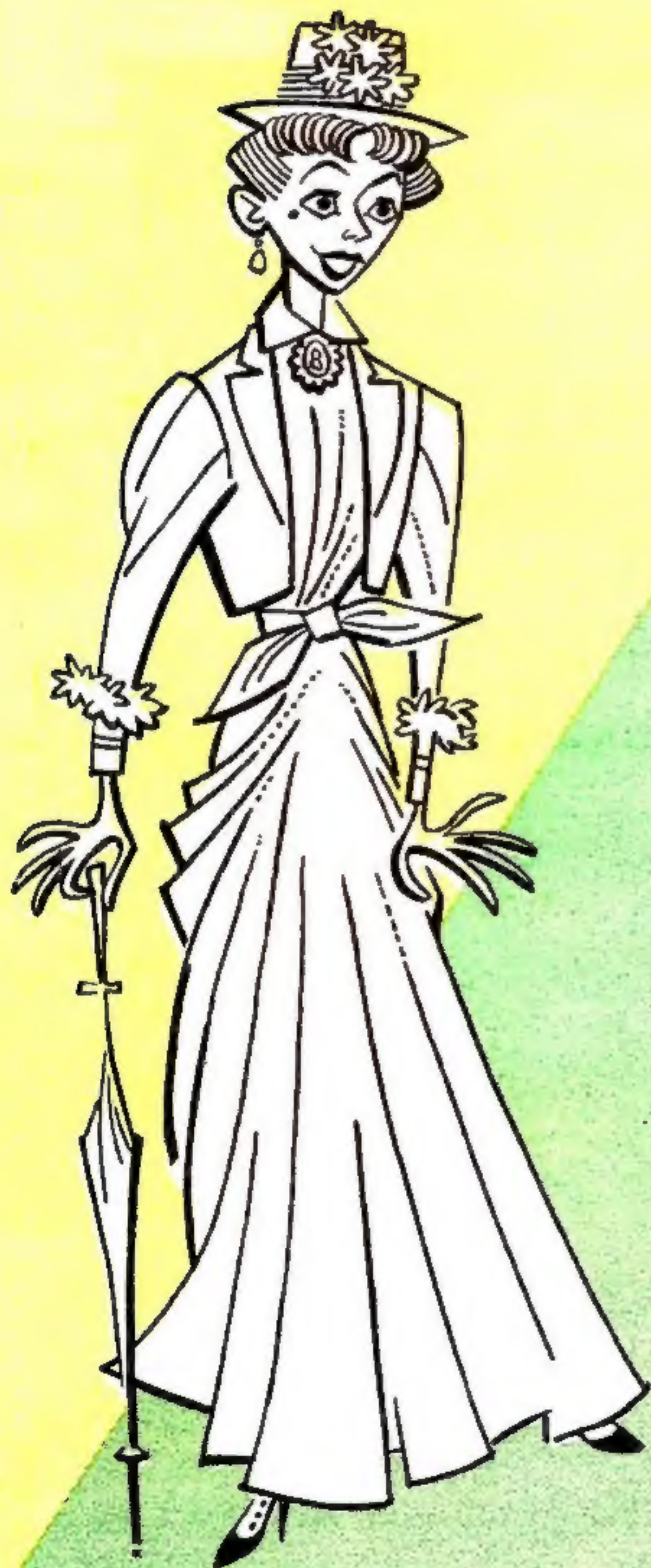


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## *A Message to the Future*

As we celebrate this Centennial and look back we find that our forefathers left us with a great heritage. During the present generation we have seen great changes. We have seen transportation change from the Horse and Buggy to Jet Air Travel. We have seen Electricity come into being. We have seen the development of Radio, Television and Nuclear power.

Elma to-day is a well loved, friendly, semi-rural community. What of the next Generation?

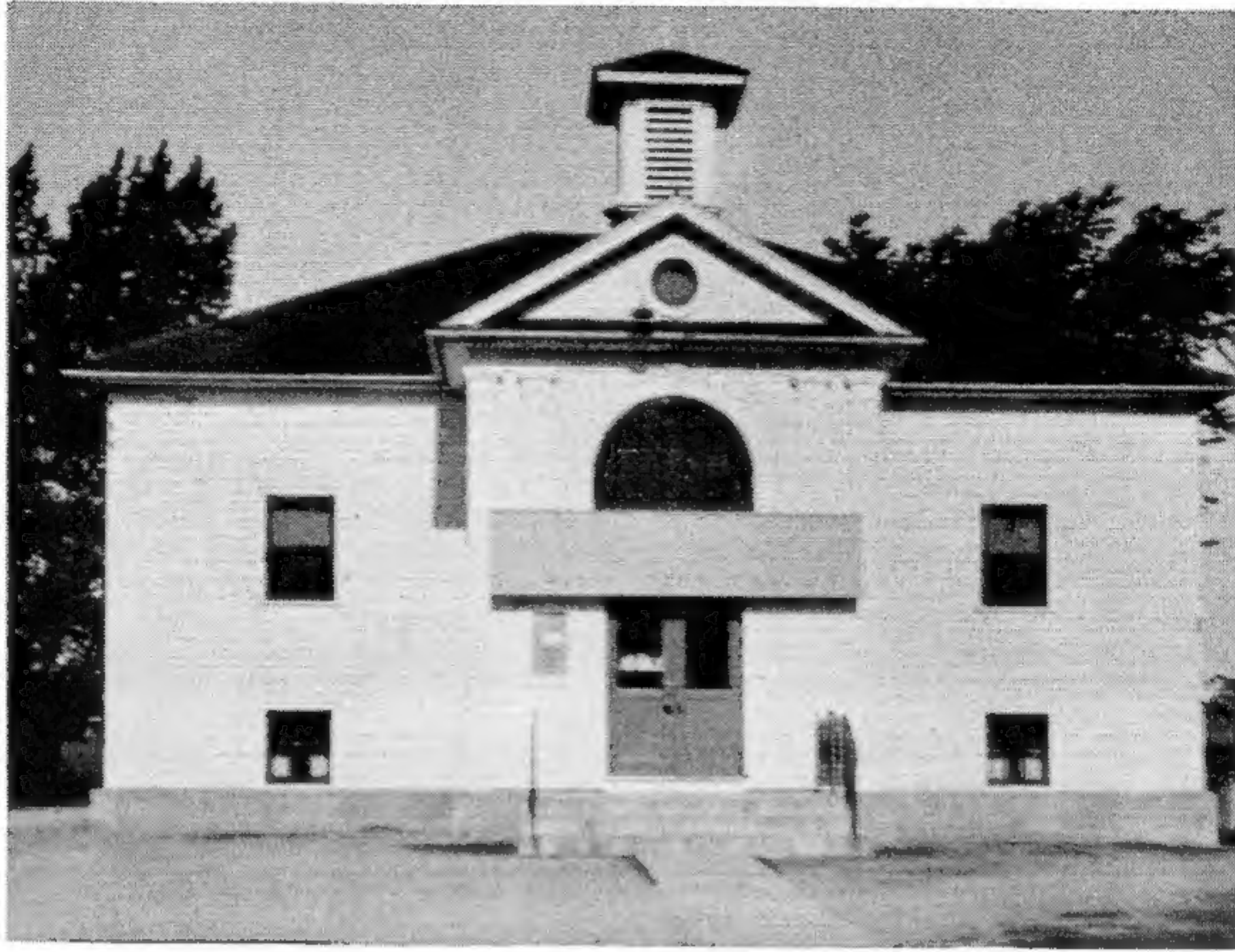
If we could only foresee the future, many problems could be avoided. However, we leave the next generation a beautiful, progressive Town, many resources to be developed, much open land. Treat Elma well, protect this heritage. Develop her as a progressive, healthful community where our children and grandchildren will be proud to say, "I am a resident of Elma."

Sincerely

MERLE E. REUTHER,

Supervisor, Town of Elma, N. Y.





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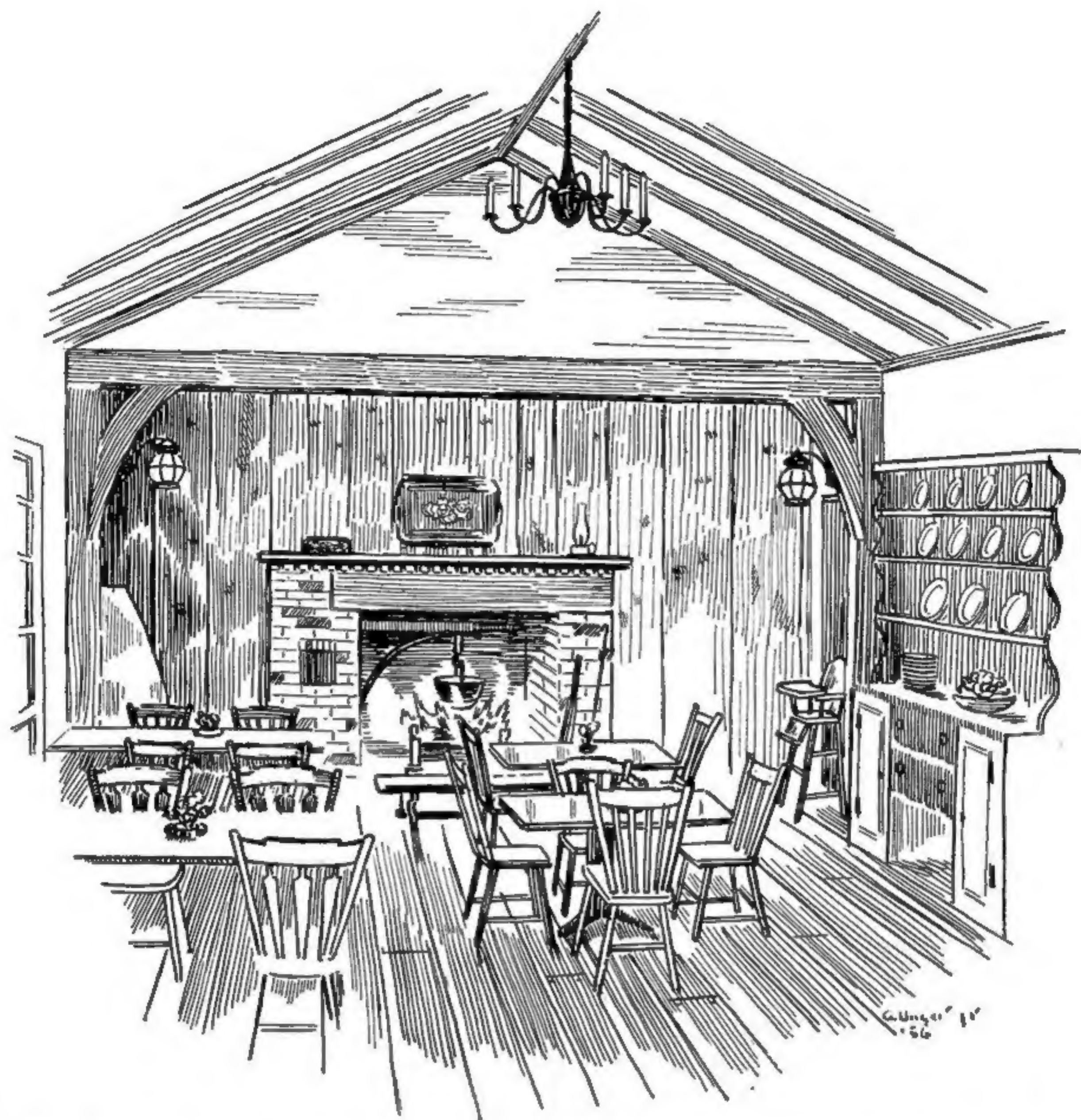
Originally built as a School House, was purchased by the town for use as a Town Hall on April 9, 1956. Joseph Ockler, Jr., Town Clerk was the first town official to occupy the building, (October 15, 1956) with the remainder of the town board following as remodeling work was completed.



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- 2:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open  
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6:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open  
7:00 P.M.—Re-Dedication  
7:30 P.M.—Parade—Old-Timers, Children, Grotesque  
8:15 P.M.—Queen Judging  
8:30 P.M.—Kangaroo Court  
Beard Contest—(Goatee, Van Dyke)  
8:45 P.M.—Color  
9:00 P.M.—Pageant—Dancing Exhibition  
9:30 P.M.—Free Dancing  
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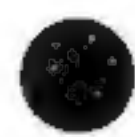
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**THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1957**

**HOE DOWN DAY**

- 2:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open  
5:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Close  
6:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open  
7:00 P.M.—Parade—Floats  
8:00 P.M.—Kangaroo Court  
Beard Contest—Handle Bars, Mutton Chops  
8:45 P.M.—Colors  
9:00 P.M.—Pageant—Dancing Exhibition  
9:30 P.M.—Free Dancing  
10:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Close
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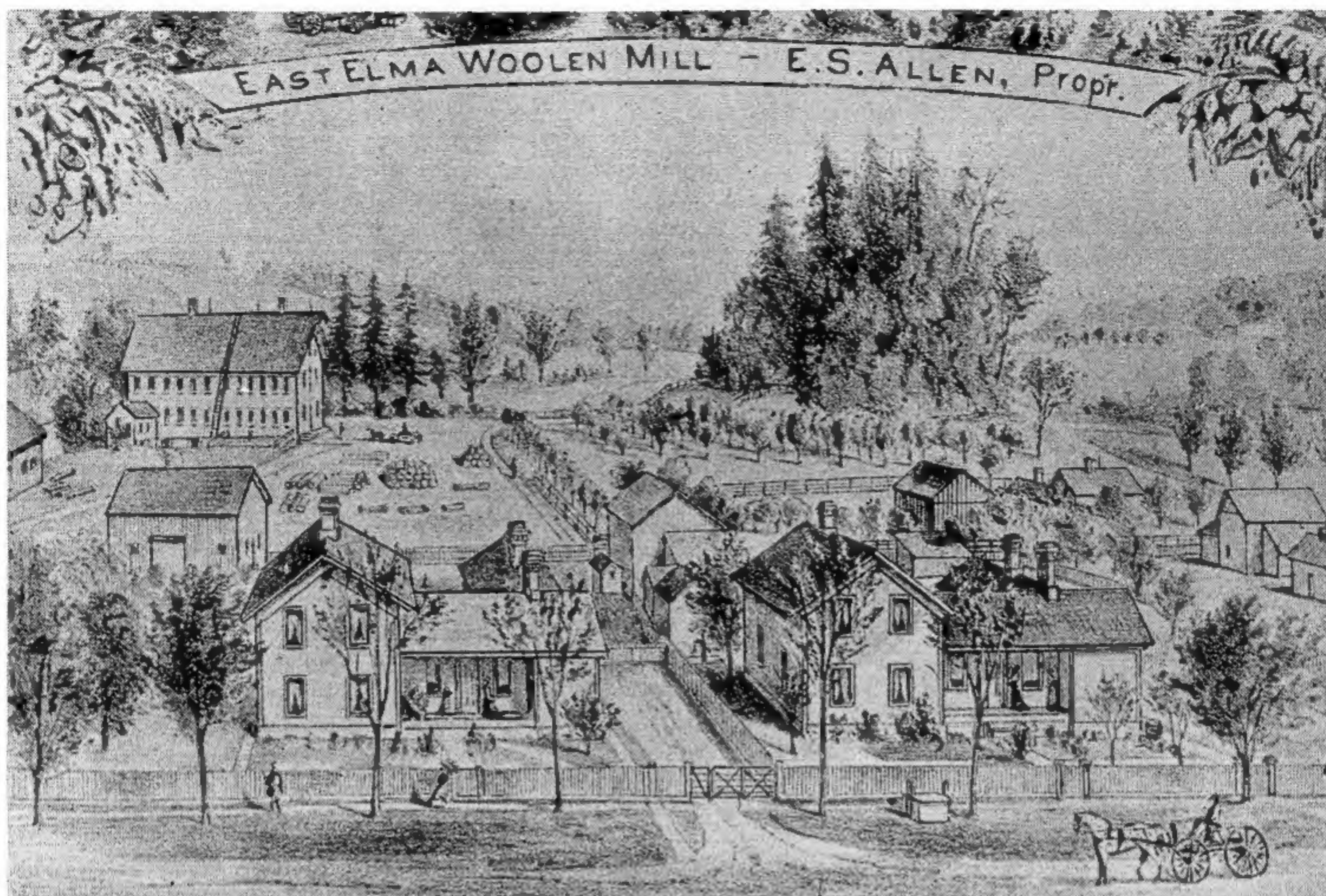
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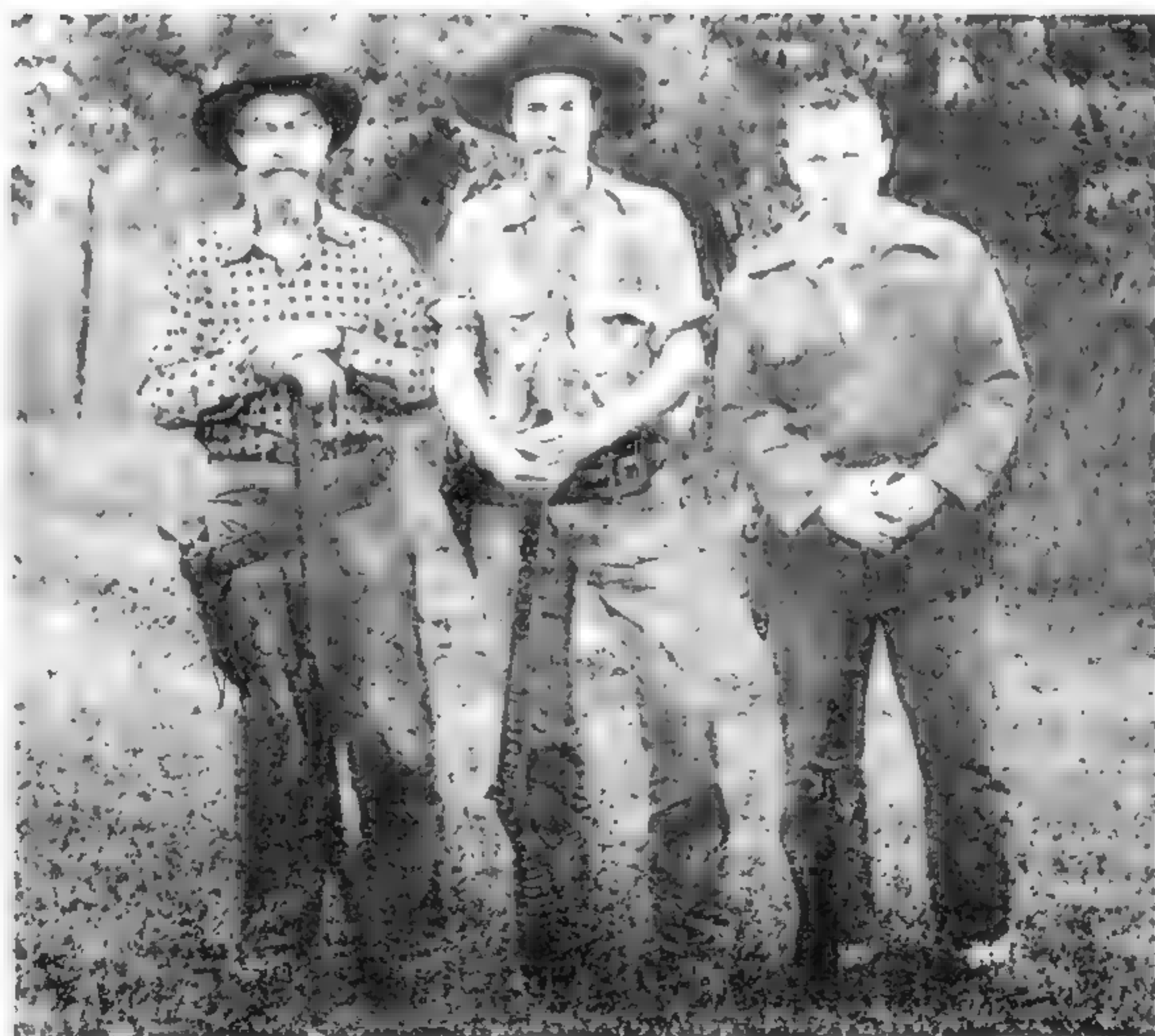
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1957**

**IROQUOIS DAY**

2:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open  
5:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Close  
6:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open  
7:00 P.M.—Parade—Antique Autos  
8:00 P.M.—Indian Show  
8:45 P.M.—Colors  
9:00 P.M.—Pageant—Beard Contest (Full Beard)  
9:30 P.M.—Dancing Exhibition  
10:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Close  
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1957**

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- 2:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open  
Youth Track & Field Meet
- 3:00 P.M.—Fashion Show—Daughters of Dimity
- 5:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Close
- 6:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open
- 6:30 P.M.—Kangaroo Court—Beard Contest  
(Most Repulsive)
- 7:00 P.M.—Parade—Firemen
- 8:45 P.M.—Colors
- 9:30 P.M.—Dancing Exhibition
- 10:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Close  
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**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1957**  
**VETERAN'S DAY**

- 12:00 M.—Centennial Sunday—Special Services at  
Individual Churches
- 2:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open
- 3:00 P.M.—Pageant
- 4:30 P.M.—Cap & Ballers Shoot
- 5:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Close
- 6:00 P.M.—Historical Exhibits Open
- 7:00 P.M.—Parade—Veterans
- 8:00 P.M.—Kangaroo Court—Beard Contest  
Grand Champion (All Classes)
- 8:45 P.M.—Colors
- 9:00 P.M.—Dancing Exhibition
- 9:30 P.M.—Sealing of 2007 Vault  
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- 10:00 P.M.—Drawing for \$50.00 Bond  
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## PRIMER OF TOWN OF ELMA HISTORY

By FRED I. SIGMAN, Town Historian

The Town of Elma is located centrally in the County of Erie, State of New York and covers an area containing 21,390 acres extending approximately, six miles east and west, and five and two-thirds miles north and south. Traversed by Big Buffalo, Little Buffalo, and Cazenovia Creeks, and their tributaries, it is a well drained area containing some of the most beautiful country in the county. It is the intent of this brief sketch to convey a few of the historical highlights of the town.

### AMERICAN INDIANS

If we were to give space commensurate with the time of occupation, the history of Indian tenure would include practically all of our historical story since Archaeological discoveries indicate that the Indians were present in New York state approximately 6000 years ago, as compared with the arrival, approximately 350 years ago, of the first Europeans, the Dutch and French. However, since the Indians had no written records, we must depend on archaeology and traditions for our knowledge of their activities, and neither of these sources provide reliable information in sufficient quantity or accuracy for the purpose. From these sources however, the first known arrivals in the town were the Mound Builders who, possibly as early as 2000 years ago, came up from the south and built two mounds east of Little Buffalo Creek and one mound near the corner of Girdle and Bullis Roads. In 1900 these mounds were well defined but are no longer in evidence. What happened to the Mound Builders is not known, but, it is probable, that they were annihilated or absorbed by the Senecas.

The Senecas, one of the Five Nations of the Iroquois, were a warlike people who originally also came from the South, settled in central New York, then expanded into Western New York where they conquered the Neuters, a small peaceful tribe living at the mouth of Niagara River and the Eries, who lived on the south shore of Lake Erie. The Neuters and Eries, doubtless, hunted in the forests of Elma and fished in its streams. The Senecas, however, were in possession of all of the Town of Elma after their elimination of the Nuters until August 31st, 1826, when they sold to the Ogden Co., 80,960 acres of land for \$48,216. What is known as the Mile Strip in the south part of the Town of Elma, passed out of possession of the Indians, as a part of this sale and was opened up thru sales by the Ogden Co. for settlement to the white people. The Mile Strip at this time became a part of the Town of Aurora and the rest of the town of Elma remained a part of the Buffalo Creek Seneca Indian Reservation.

In the same year, 1826, Seth Estabrook, a resident of what is now Alden, made a contract with Chief Green Blanket, George Young and Thomas Jameson to build and operate a saw mill on Big Buffalo Creek on the Reservation. The mill, which was known as Indian Mill, was built in 1826 together with houses and barns at what is now Bullis Road and Buffalo Creek. This was the first sawmill built and operated by the whites and Estabrook and his family were the first to settle on leased ground on the Buffalo Indian Resrevation.

Seneca Indian settlements were located, for the most part, along the Big Buffalo and Cazenovia Creeks. The largest being at East Elma and Elma Village on the Buffalo Creek and near Transit Road on the Cazenovia Creek.

A saw mill is said to have been built and operated on the Cazenovia Creek by the Indians near Transit Road before any white settlers came to the town.

### SETTLEMENT OF MILE STRIP

The first whites to settle on their own property in the Town of Elma, were on the Mile Strip, then a part of the Town of Aurora.

The old Indian Trail from the Allegheny Reservation in Cattaraugus County, to the Seneca Village in Buffalo, traversed the Town of Elma approximately over the present route of Seneca Street. On January 2nd, 1828, Taber Earl purchased property on Lot 24 and built a Tavern on the north side of this trail, thus becoming the first white settler on his own land in the Town of Elma. Three years later, 1831, the present North Star Tavern was built on the trail by Martin Taber.

The first school house in the town was built of logs at the south west corner of Williams Road (now Maple Road) and Billington Road and opened in 1831, with Miss Emily Paine as its teacher.



In 1842, when the Ogden Co. obtained the balance of what is now the Town of Elma by treaty with the Indians, there were forty-two families living in the Mile Strip. Also, the second saw mill in town built by Jacob R. Davis, in 1830 on the Cazenovia Creek, about two miles south of Springbrook; and, the third saw mill, known as the Hatch Mill, built in 1837 in East Elma on the Buffalo Creek, were in operation.

### **SETTLEMENT IN 1842 PURCHASE**

After the purchase by the Ogden Co. of the balance of the Town of Elma from the Indians, the north portion became a part of the Town of Lancaster and the south portion was added to the Town of Aurora. After the Ogden Co. opened up the land for sale, the first lots sold were in locations adjacent to creeks where water power was available for saw mills and grist mills. Small hamlets of Elma Village, Springbrook, East Elma, Upper Ebenezer (now Blossom), Elma Center, and Jamison Road came into existence as a result of this industrial activity.

The sound of the woodsman's axe and cross cut saw and the whine of the lumber mill saws changed the quiet of the forest to the clatter of the woodsmen.

First the soft woods were cut and sawed into lumber to be hauled, largely into Buffalo, for sale or exchange for other essentials. Then the hard woods were cut for firewood and land cleared of stumps for agricultural purposes. Stump fences were built for fencing of pastures, some of which are still in evidence in 1957. Roads were opened up thru the forest to accomplish this development. Seneca Street and Bullis Road were planked to make them adequate for year round travel. Other roads were laid with logs, known as corduroy, in the wet locations and bridges of the covered type were constructed across the creeks. Thus, the territory rapidly filled in with settlers and began to take on the appearance of an agricultural settlement in place of a forested Indian Reservation.

### **BIRTH OF THE TOWN—1856-57**

About fifteen years after the final sale of the land by the Indians, in the autumn of 1856, petitions from various citizens living in the Lancaster and Aurora parts of the Town were filed with the Board of Supervisors of Erie County to erect the Town of Elma from the south part of the Town of Lancaster and the north part of the Town of Aurora. On December 9, 1856, a resolution was passed by the Board of Supervisors adopting the report of the Committee to erect the Town of Elma and setting the first annual Town Meeting, to be held in the home of Clark W. Hurd on the first Tuesday of March, 1857.

The first Town Meeting was held March 3rd, 1857, and the following Town Officers were elected: P. B. Lathrop, Supervisor; W. Jackman, Town Clerk; A. Armstrong, T. Aldrich and N. W. Stowell, Justices of the Peace; W. Spooner, A. Marvel and B. P. Lougee, Commissioners of Highway; Z. M. Cobb, H. Blood and T. Stowell, Assessors; and, A. J. W. Palmer, Collector.

In 1867, the Buffalo & Washington Railroad was completed to East Aurora and provided a convenient means of transportation from three stations; Springbrook, Elma Center and Jamison Road. The advent of the railroad, not only provided an impetus to the agricultural and industrial activities of the Town but brought many people to live in the town who worked in Buffalo.

As the Town roads and roads into the city became hard surfaced, railroad transportation gave way to the Bus Service and private automobile transportation until, today, all passenger trains have been eliminated.

The history of a place and its people reflected by the type and growth of their institutions. We will therefore devote the remaining portion of the article primarily to that subject.

### **CHURCHES**

The first churches organized in the Town of Elma were the Presbyterian Churches of Springbrook and Elma Village and the Methodist Church of Elma Village. All three churches met in school houses and were organized in the year 1849.

The first pastor of Springbrook Presbyterian Church, Rev. Nehemiah Cobb, built the first Protestant church in the Town in 1852 on land donated by David J. Morris. However, the Society had become so reduced by 1858 that they combined with the Elma Presbyterian Church.

Rev. George Haven was the first pastor of The Elma Methodist Church and the present church was built in 1859 and has been in continuous use since that time.



The Elma Presbyterians, at the invitation of the Elma Methodists, also used the Methodist Church until the Presbyterians disbanded in 1873.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Springbrook, was organized in 1850 and was then known as St. John's Parish. A small church was built that year and Father McAvoy was the first pastor. Father P. V. O'Brien built the present church in 1874.

In 1854, Mother Freiburg, who had recently come to America from Germany, with the help of her neighbors, built a 10' x 14' Catholic Church on Lot 46 on Clinton St. which was served by Priests from Lancaster until 1870. This Chapel was restored to its original condition and moved to the rear of Annunciation Church in 1943. Father John V. Schaus began to celebrate Mass at Annunciation Church in 1900. The present Annunciation B. V. M. Church was completed in 1906.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Blossom, was organized by Rev. J. Gottlieb Ade in 1862 and built its own church in 1864. This church was destroyed by fire in 1871 but was replaced by the present church in 1872.

In 1869, a Union Church Society was organized in Springbrook and acquired the Presbyterian property. Various denominations held services there until 1893.

German Evangelical Societies were organized at Blossom in 1862: at Springbrook in 1872; and, at Elma Center in 1874. The Blossom Society occupied the church built by the Ebenezer Society in 1849 until 1880 when they erected a new church on the same site which they occupied until 1949, when the church was purchased by the present occupants, the Weslyn Methodists. The Springbrook Evangelical Society, built a church in 1874, which they occupied until 1893 when it was purchased by the Methodists. They continued until 1936. In 1937, the church became a Community Church. The Elma Center Society built a church in 1874 on Rice Road where they continued to hold services until about 1925 when the church was demolished.

St. John's Lutheran Church was organized by Pastor Kuss in 1870 in the school house at Bowen and Rice Roads where they continued until 1887, when they built a chapel on land donated by Henry Stitz, located on Woodard Road. The present church was built in 1887.

Faith Lutheran Church was organized in 1928. They used a residence owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stitz at Girdle and Bullis Roads until they moved to their present church in 1931, with Rev. Victor H. Neeb as their pastor.

St. Gabriel's R. C. Church was organized by Father John Glazik in the Blossom Fire Hall, May 1st, 1925. The present church, located on Clinton St. was built and occupied in the autumn of the same year.

Church and Sunday school services were held in the East Elma school house by various denominations from 1856 until 1950.

## **SCHOOLS**

The Town of Elma utilized ten District schools to educate its children thru the grades and sent the High School students to East Aurora and Lancaster until the Town was centralized with the Towns of Wales and Marilla, in 1952, into the present Iroquois Central School District. In this District, Rice Road Elementary School was completed and opened in 1954 and the Girdle Road Elementary and High School in 1955. A. Donald Bartoo was appointed by the School Board in 1952 as the first Supervising Principal and still holds that position.

## **FIRE COMPANIES**

The Blossom Benevolent Association & Fire Company was organized in 1872 and kept its equipment in St. Paul's Lutheran Church shed. They also used the church bell for fire alarms until they built a fire hall in 1893.

The Springbrook Fire Company, Inc. was organized in 1913 and incorporated in 1919. The District was established by a petition in 1925, and has its own Fire House located on Seneca Street.

Elma Fire Company, Inc. was organized in 1937 and acquired the Elma Grange Hall by purchase at that time.

Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. was organized in 1940. They purchased the old Jamison Road depot which had been moved to the north side of Jamison Road as a Fire Hall in 1950.

All four companies have up to date equipment and marching units and are coordinated thru the Town of Elma Fire Council.



## MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Other organizations of the Town and their dates of institution are as follows:

Evening Star Lodge No. 657, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Springbrook, organized Feb. 11th, 1893.

Ivanhoe Rebekah Lodge No. 81 of Springbrook, organized April 10th, 1897.

Elma Branch of Red Cross, organized 1915.

Elma Home Bureau, Organized 1921.

Boy Scouts, organized in 1925.

Girl Scouts, first organized in 1926.

Elma Grant Republican Club and Elma Republican Club organized in 1934.  
4-H Clubs, first organized in 1930.

Elma Roosevelt Club and Elma Democrat Club organized in 1933.

Elma Conservation Club organized in 1944.

Blossom Home Demonstration Unit organized in 1945.

Elma Drum Corps, organized in 1949.

Young Republican Club, organized in 1950.

Springbrook Home Bureau, organized in 1951.

Camp Fire Girls, organized in 1952.

Parent Teachers Association, organized in 1952.

Elma Businessmen's Association, organized in 1954.

Springbrook Rod and Gun Club, Inc., organized in 1954.

Elma Public Library opened in the basement of No. 6 District School in February of 1941 with 1103 donated books. In 1942, the Library was granted a Charter by the State of New York and was given recognition by the Town Board. In 1947, the Library became a unit of the Erie County Library system and in 1948, moved to its present site at Bullis and Bowen Roads. Its circulation in 1956 was 62,001 and the number of book stock was 11,728, number of borrowers was 1825. The total appropriation by the County for Elma Library for 1957 is \$14,573.82. The Town also receives library service in Springbrook thru the Erie County Bookmobile.

## POST OFFICES AND POSTAL SERVICE

The first post office in the Town was established at Springbrook in 1848, followed by Elma in 1852, East Elma in 1861, Blossom in 1875, Elma Center in 1878 and Jamison Road in 1889. Rural Free Delivery was first established from Elma Center in 1908 with Joseph Tillou as the first carrier. Later carriers included Herbert Stitz, Edward Miller, Maude Stitz and Walter Merkl who had served 35 years when he retired in 1956. Present carriers are Route 1, Herman Moessinger and Route 2, Harry Gash. Present postmasters are Robert Collins, Springbrook and Daniel Yacobush, Elma.

## TOWN HALL AND OFFICIALS

The Town of Elma acquired by purchase, the old District No. 6 School for its first Town Hall, April 9th, 1956 and has made essential alterations to the building. The Town also acquired property and built a suitable garage to house its road equipment on Bowen Road.

The present Town Officials are as follows:

Supervisor	Merle Reuther
Town Clerk	Joseph Ockler
Justices of Peace	Charles Schoenthal
	H. Langendorfer
Councilmen	R. B. Bridgman
	Walter Kester
Assessors	Benjamin Buffum
	Hugh Stevenson
	Miles Brasted
Collector	Mrs. Maude Stitz
Town Attorney	George Blair
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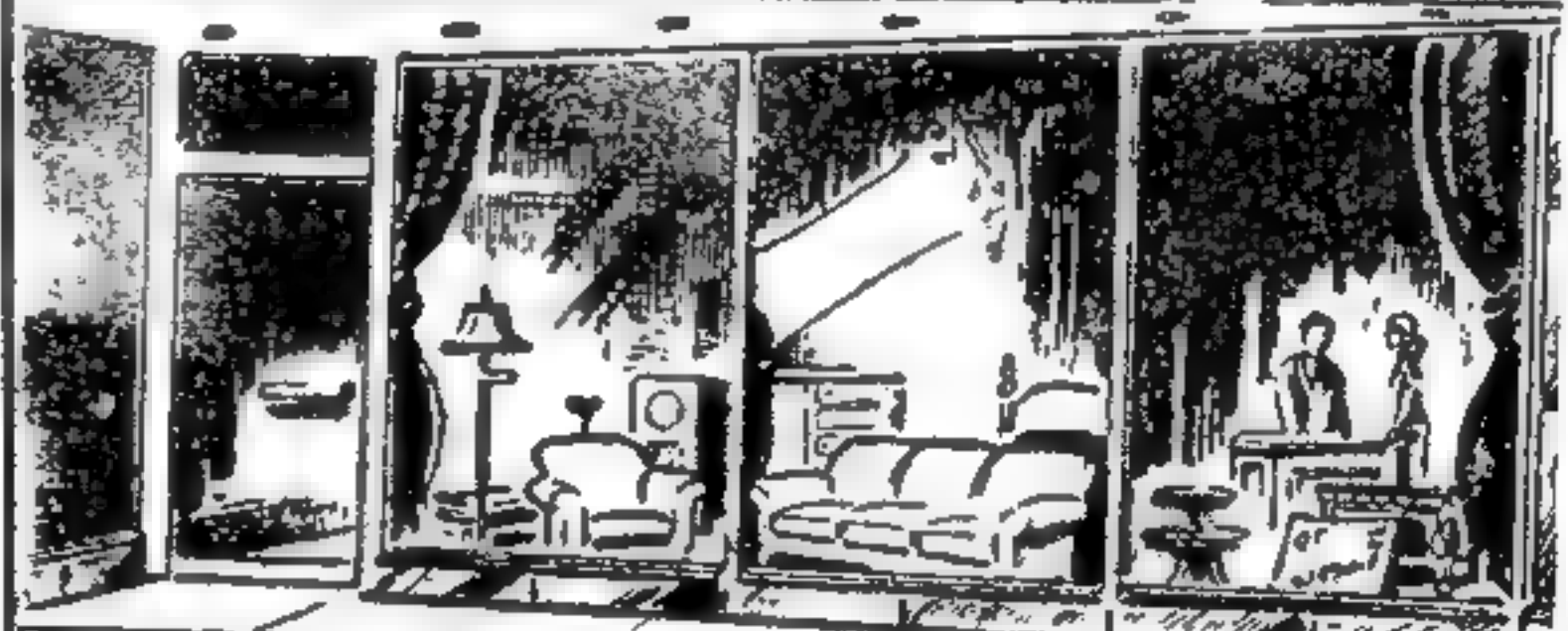
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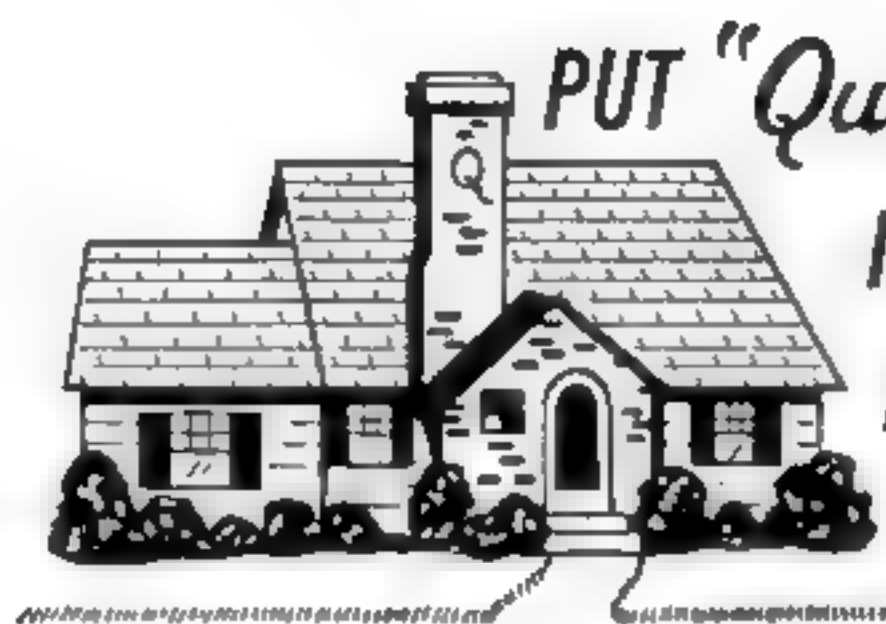
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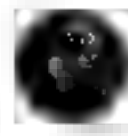
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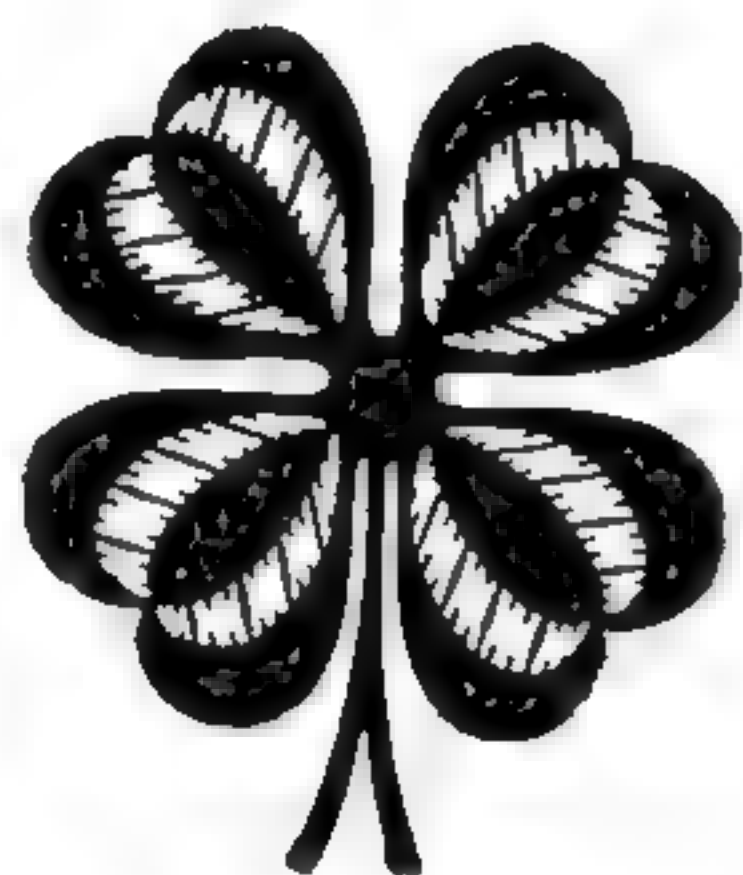
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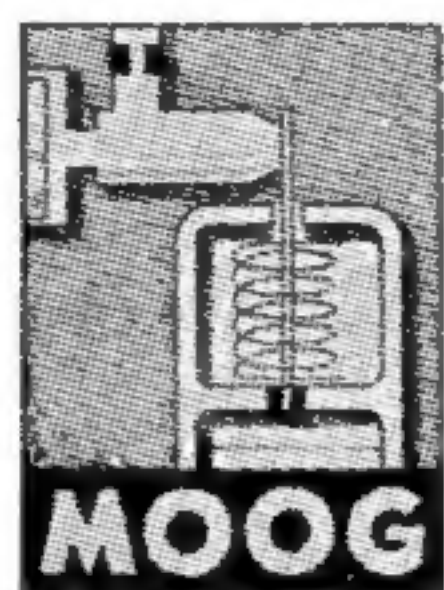


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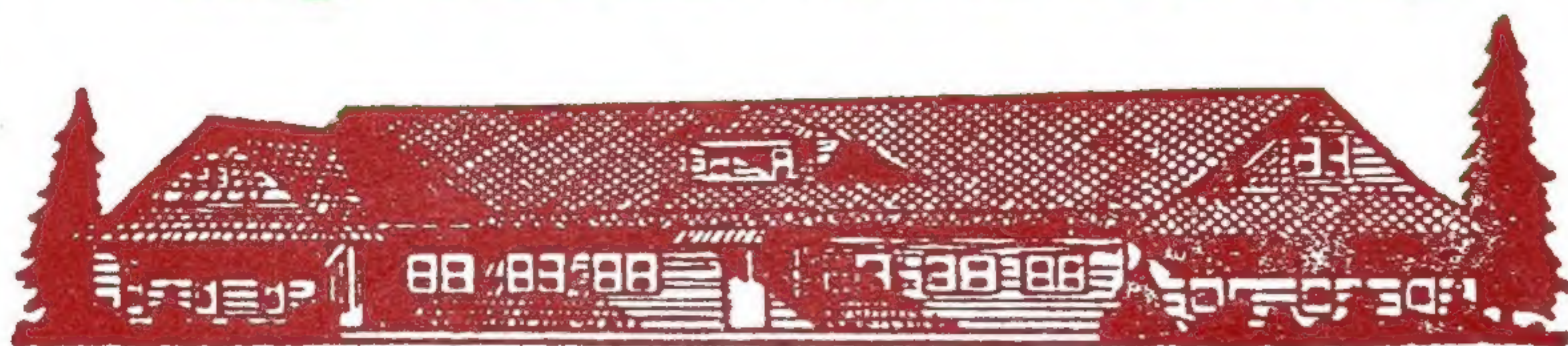
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